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SUPERVISORS APPROVE WRIGHTWOOD LIBRARY EXPANSION

SAN BERNARDINO – The mountain resort town of Wrightwood and its 4,300 residents will see their County Branch Library more than double in size, thanks to today's approval of a five-year lease for \$314,000 by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

"I couldn't be happier that this long-overdue expansion was approved today," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Postmus, whose First Supervisorial District includes Wrightwood. "This expansion will increase Wrightwood's library square footage from 1,600 square feet to 3,700 square feet, and with \$82,000 in improvements, it will have more parking, more seating, more computers and more books."

The Wrightwood library, currently located at 6014 Park Drive, will relocate to 6011 Pine Drive this spring. The expanded facility will add 10 parking spaces as well as off-street parking, increased book shelving and six public computers, as opposed to the current three. Additional seating will be added, including a young adult area as well as children's and adult lounge areas. The number of public restrooms will increase from one to two. A small meeting room will be available for public use, and a 'Friends of the Library Bookstore' will be added.

The Wrightwood expansion is the latest in a series of First District Library improvements approved since Chairman Postmus initially took office four years ago. They include the relocation and expansion of the Adelanto Branch and the construction of the County's largest branch in Apple Valley. In 2002, Supervisor Postmus was instrumental in the establishment of the first Public Library in Phelan, located on the campus of Serrano High School. The remodeling and expansion of the Janice Horst Lucerne Valley Branch Library, the remodeling and expansion of the Twentynine Palms Branch Library and the remodeling and refurbishment of the Victorville Library all occurred during 2004.

At Supervisor Postmus' request, new paving projects were approved last month as an adjustment to the County's annual budget to improve the facilities at Barstow, Needles and Trona. Finally, a new, 20,000 square-foot Hesperia Library is in the planning stages as a City of Hesperia project, with the help of \$200,000 in funding assistance pledged by Supervisor Postmus.